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New Amendment to Homestead Law Virtually Restores Under Certain Conditions. Another Homestead Right to Person Having Used One.

(From the La Grande Observer July 25, 1916)

First definite explanation of the re-Homestead act, has been made public by the La Grande land office. The amendment became effective July 3d, but to date little has reached newspaper colums of its precise working details. Inquiries are pouring into the land office in this city, and Register F. C. Bramwell and Receiver Nolan Skiff, have been busy writing letters on this subject. As acomprehensive and detailed explanation of the new law may be cited a letter forwarded to Joe H. Parkes of Pendleton today. In this letter to Mr. Parkes the officials say:

I am in receipt of your inquiry relative to a bill introduced by Congressadditional entries for land not convisions of this bill.

enlarged homestead act, by adding ed. Had the land grant been disposknown as section seven.

This act provides: as made or shall make homestead en- gon alone is the sufferer, yet when try of less than three hundred and these lands are disposed of according twenty acres of land of the characto the bill recently passed she gets ter herein described, and who shall but 50 per cent of the proceeds. have submitted final proof thereon which shall not with the original en- to these lands . try exceed three hundred and twenty Provided, That the land as provided by section one thereof: case shall patent issue for the land Stote of Oregon. covered by such additional entry until the person making same shall have actually and in conformity with the thing unreasonable? homestead laws resided upon and cultivated the lands so additionally entered and otherwise complied with such laws, except that where the land mbraced in the additional entry is located not exceeding twenty miles from the land embraced in the original entry no residence shall be required on such additional entry if the entryman is residing on his former And Provided Further, That this section shall not be con-

Under departmental construction as announced in Circular No. 486, approved July Stir, 1916, additional entries will be allowed only in the states where the enlarged homestead curing this fund for Oregon's arid act is in force and where final proof on the original entry has been sub-mitted. Where the additional entry is within twenty miles of the original entry, and the applicant still maintains his residence on the land first entered, no residence on the additional entry will be required; but cultivation, under the Act of June 6th 1912, must be shown on the submisentry is more than twenty miles from the original entry, both residence and cultivation, under the three-year law distance between two entries, the Headquarters Ranch. nearest points measured on a straight line, will control.

strued as affecting any rights as to

steads and under section twenty-three

hundred and six of the Revised Stat-

under the additional application must Main 563. be designated under the enlarged homestead act; but where the land in either entry has not been already originated, the applicant may file a pe-1915, and Departmental Circular No. 402, except that separate petitions must be filed if the land in both the original and additional entries has SMEAD & CRAWFORD. not been designated.

Where an applicant for an additional entry made his original entry in a made of the proper land office to asto file a petion for designation, cov-

ering the undersignated land. Under this act, any person who has may make a second, or additional en- on us. try, for such an area, as will, when added to the area heretofore, entered not exceed 320 acres. However, if such person, for example, has made a timber and stone or desert land en- FIRST FARM MORTGAGES try for 160 acres and a hoemstead entry for 160 acres, he would still be entitled to make an additioal entry for 160 acres more, under the pro-

visions of this act, which would make in the aggregate 430 acres.

Application under this act must be prepared on Form 4-004, "Additional Homestead Application, Act of February 19, 1909," which will require two witnessess and the description of his original entry, giving the number and date thereof. The "Act of July 3rd, 1916," will be added thereto when the application is filed in this office; but in the preparation of the application,"Section 3" should

be changed so as to read "Section 7." The fees and commissions on applications under this act will be the same as other homestead entries. For 160 acres, the filing fees will be cent amendment to the Enlarged \$16; for 120 acres, \$14.50; for 80

acres, \$8.00 and for 40, acres, 6.50. If you desire to make any further inquiries as to the provisions of this act, we will be glad to answer them

Yours very respectfully, F. C. BRAMWELL. Register, NOLAN SKIFF,

TLED CONSIDERATION

The ploneers of Oregon were force ed to undergo many hardships in man Sinnott, as an amendment to the carving out homes in the wilderness. enlarged homestead act, authorizing To help those pioneers, the Federal Government granted to the Oregontiguous to the original entry. You California Railroad company a large ask to be fully advised as to the pro- grant of land to assist in building that road and to give to Oregon more You perhaps have reference to the settlers and more taxable property. Act of July 3rd, 1916, (Public No. The government received its pay, all 142) amending the Act of February it ever expected, in the building of 19th 1909, commonly known as the the road and the concessions receivthereto an additional section to be ed of according to the terms of the grant, Oregon would be profiting today by many more acres of taxable "Section 7. That any person who lands and many more settlers. Ore-

Thousands of acres of arid lands shall have the right to enter public thirsting for water, yet 40 per cent lands subject to the provisions of this of the land grant fund goes to the act, not contiguous to his first entry general reclamation fund instead of

Representative Sinnott is making a last fight for the 40 per cent and riginally entered and that covered by has introduced a bill amending the the additional entry shall first have original bill, asking that the proceeds been designated as subject to this act, from sale of land and timber apportioned to the general reclamation Provided Futher, That in no fund be expended on projects in the

Is there any injustice in this request? Is this state asking anyeral Government or any of the reclamation states expect to get anything from these lands under the original grant act? Oregon did expect something from the original grant, so why should she not expect it now It seems that there is little room for argument as to the real merits of the issue, but it is necessary to present the facts to those who should know.

If the members of Congress are given the facts with regard to this, there is some hope that they will see location of soldiers' additional homeour state that to which she is entitled. Personal letters to members of Congress or to persons who may have influence will prove an effective means. Write such a letter and by so doing contribute your part in se-

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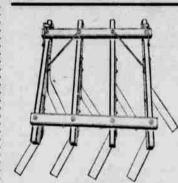
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